

PAPER 2

Essay

This paper consists of two sections: A and B. Answer three questions in all. Answer question one from section A and any other two questions from section B. All questions carry equal marks. Answer all the questions in your answer booklet. Credit will be given for clarity of expression and orderly presentation of material.

SECTION A
COMPULSORY

1. Friends in your neighbourhood have received invitations to a diverse event with people from various backgrounds. They have come to you seeking advice on what to wear to the event.
- (a) Identify **four** factors that you will consider in your advice to them. [8 marks]
- (b) What, in your opinion, are **four** factors contributing to the inappropriate ways of dressing by the youth? [8 marks]
- (c) State **four** behaviours that are considered courteous in the society. [4 marks]

SECTION B

Answer two questions only from this section.

2. A JHS student, once the beloved child of the parents, was consistently receptive of their guidance. However, upon reaching adolescence has begun experiencing conflict with the parents on issues at home.
- (a) Explain **four** emotional changes the student may be going through which might have affected the relationship with the parents. [12 marks]
- (b) Explain **four** cultural significance puberty rites hold in traditional Ghanaian societies. [8 marks]
3. *Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy*
- (a) In what **four** ways will you fulfill the above commandment? [8 marks]
- (b) Explain **four** benefits one derives from observing the above commandment. [12 marks]
4. At a community gathering, the local counsellor led a discussion on the role of leadership in addressing societal challenges. With your knowledge on various ways through which individuals obtain authority and how leaders can contribute positively to society using their authority:
- (a) Identify **four** ways through which individuals obtain authority within a community. [8 marks]
- (b) Explain **four** ways by which leaders can use authority in the best interest of society. [12 marks]
5. The Adjei family, living in Kumasi represents the nuclear family model. Mornings start with breakfast together before everyone goes to work or school. Evenings are spent together over dinner, followed by individual activities and relaxation. Weekends are reserved for family outings and bonding activities, emphasizing their strong, and close relationship. With your knowledge on the family system:
- (a) Outline **four** advantages that the Adjei family enjoy in their home. [8 marks]
- (b) Highlight **four** responsibilities of Mr. Adjei to his family. [8 marks]
- (c) Suggest **two** ways by which the Adjei family can promote good relationship among themselves. [4 marks]

END OF ESSAY TEST

Answer all questions.

Each question is followed by four options lettered A to D. Find the correct option for each question and shade in pencil on your answer sheet the answer space which bears the same letter as the option you have chosen. Give only one answer to each question. An example is given below.

The last book of the Bible is

- A. The Gospel according to St. John.
- B. The Epistle to the Romans.
- C. The Revelation of St. John.
- D. The Epistle of Jude.

The correct answer is The Revelation of St. John, which is lettered C and therefore answer space C would be shaded.

A

B

C

D

E

Think carefully before you shade the answer spaces; erase completely any answer you wish to change.

Do all rough work on this question paper.

Now answer the following questions.

1. What was the significance of Uthman Ibn Affan's standardization of the Quran? To
 - A. adhere to purely an administrative decision
 - B. ensure uniformity and consistency across the Muslim community
 - C. introduce new verses into the Quran
 - D. allow for variations and regional differences in the text
2. What is the most effective way of reducing bribery and corruption among workers?
 - A. Increasing salaries to make bribery less appealing
 - B. Implementing strict penalties for those found engaging in the act
 - C. Ignoring the issue of bribery and focussing on productivity
 - D. Ensuring that each worker belongs to a union
3. A group of Muslim travellers needed to pray but could not find water for ablution. What alternative practice would you recommend to purify them for prayers?
 - A. Wudu
 - B. Nikah
 - C. Tayamum
 - D. Janazah
4. Khadijah's contributions to the life of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and the early development of Islam were significant because they
 - A. showcased her wealth and social status.
 - B. highlighted her skills as a military strategist and leader.
 - C. provided foundation for spiritual and financial support.
 - D. demonstrated the importance of women in Islamic societies.
5. The nature of God is expressed through His attributes. Identify which of these attributes of God **cannot** be demonstrated by humankind.
 - A. Patience
 - B. Kindness
 - C. Mercy
 - D. All-knowing
6. Which of the following characteristics is **least** typical of religious songs?
 - A. Reflective moods
 - B. Melodic complexity
 - C. Spiritual themes
 - D. Devotional lyrics

7. Which of the following is considered one of the **primary** benefits of effective time management?
- Higher levels of social interactions
 - Improved physical fitness and health
 - Increased productivity and efficiency
 - Enhanced creativity and innovation
8. Maria, a marketing executive, has been working long hours for several months. She feels stressed and lacks creativity. A friend suggested she takes a vacation. She adhered to the advice and returned from her vacation feeling refreshed. Which of the following benefits of leisure is **most** efficient in Maria's case?
- Increased opportunities for personal growth
 - Improved physical health and well being
 - Increased productivity and creativity
 - Enhanced social relationship and connections
9. Which of the following events made the 12th birthday of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) memorable? The
- revelation of the Quran to Prophet Muhammad (SAW).
 - construction of Kaaba in Mecca.
 - migration of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW) from Madinah to Mecca.
 - battle of Badr.
10. What moral value is Yaa Asantewaa's leadership and actions **most likely** to inspire in others?
- Women leadership and courage
 - Diplomacy and international relations
 - Generosity and human relations
 - Accountability and transparency
11. Why is it important for a community to reward volunteers for the preservation of the environment? Because
- people need to be hero worshipped
 - it is our duty to clean the environment
 - there is no money to pay for the cleaning service
 - appreciating them will encourage others
12. Which among the following attitudes can help foster positive relationship within the family system?
- Selfishness
 - Indifference
 - Open communication
 - Blame shifting
13. The declaration of faith in Islam does **not** include one of the following as a central tenet?
- Submission to the will of God (Allah)
 - Obligation to wage Jihad
 - Performance of the five pillars of Islam
 - Belief in one God (Allah) and Prophet Muhammad (SAW) His messenger
14. Which of these drugs is considered **highly** addictive and commonly abused?
- Paracetamol
 - Heroin
 - Ibuprofen
 - Caffeine
15. Anything that is legally accepted for the exchange of goods and services is termed
- wealth.
 - money.
 - trade.
 - income.

16. Ali and Fatima, devoted Muslims, are preparing for their marriage ceremony. As they plan for the event, they reflected on the significance of various Islamic rites and traditions associated with marriage. Which rite holds the **most** significance to the would-be couple in Islamic marriage?
- Walima
 - Istikhara
 - Nikah
 - Aqd
17. Which of the following is a **common** characteristic of the early life of many indigenous traditional leaders in Ghana? They were
- trained from a young age in traditional practices and leadership roles.
 - converted to Christianity and Islam at a young age.
 - orphans and had to fend for themselves at a young age.
 - born into wealthy families and received formal education.
18. A 15 year old JHS student has been using drugs regularly to cope with stress. The student has started experiencing difficulty concentrating, mood swings etc. What is a **likely** effect of the drug addiction on the student?
- Improved mental health
 - Breakdown of social relationships
 - Enhanced academic performance
 - A harmless coping mechanism
19. During a community gathering, attendees engaged in a discussion about behaviours that demonstrated courtesy. Which of the following behaviours at the gathering would be considered **most** courteous?
- Speaking loudly and dominating the discussions
 - Interrupting others while they speak
 - Listening attentively to others' opinion
 - Ignoring others' contributions to the discussions
20. A local mosque has been vandalized through offensive writings and the Muslim community is feeling targeted and fearful. Tensions between religious groups are rising with some individuals expressing opposition to the construction of a new mosque. What is the **most likely** reason for the religious intolerance and vandalism?
- Lack of religious and political leaders in the community
 - Fear of cultural and religious diversity
 - Lack of economic opportunities and resources
 - Desire for political power and control
21. What does the creation story in the Bible teaches about how humans are unique and different from other creatures? They
- were created on the last day.
 - have power over animals.
 - were created in God's image.
 - have the ability to sin.
22. A 45 year old government employee has been contributing to a pension scheme through his employer. What benefit is the employee **most** likely to receive from the pension scheme when he retires in 15 years? A
- refund of his total contributions without interest.
 - monthly payment based on his contributions and interest.
 - one-time payment of the total interest on his contribution.
 - half payment of his total contributions.
23. What is the **main** reason for which individuals in the society should practice obedience to authority? To
- prioritize personal freedom and autonomy
 - challenge and question established power structure
 - maintain social order and stability
 - avoid punishment and consequences

24. In a traditional African village, the community members gathered to mourn the death of an elderly person. The family of the deceased performed all the necessary funeral rites. What is the **main** purpose of the funeral rites that were performed by the family? To
- preserve the good memory of the departed
 - ensure smooth transition to the afterlife
 - maintain harmony within the community
 - celebrate the life of the deceased
25. When Christians pray, *give us this day our daily bread*, the specific type of prayer being offered in this context is
- thanksgiving.
 - intercessory.
 - supplicatory
 - confessional.
26. The Owusu family resides in a household where grandparents, parents and children live together and have common arrangements for food and shelter. They also share responsibilities and experiences. What will be an advantage of this situation to the Owusu family?
- Limited interaction
 - Effective socialization
 - Greater independence
 - Decreased family cohesion
27. What is the **primary** purpose of naming ceremonies in many African societies? To
- protect the child against evil spirits
 - introduce the child to the moral codes of the society
 - introduce the child to the community and give it identity
 - dedicate the child to the gods
28. How does God's creation reflect His wisdom and creativity? Through the
- randomness and chaos of the natural world
 - complexity and order of the natural world
 - power and strength of the natural world
 - beauty and diversity of the natural world
29. What would be considered the **most** appropriate and considerate appearance to an official event?
- Wearing bright attention seeking accessories
 - Showing out in a casual workout attire
 - Wearing ripped jeans, t-shirt and flip flops
 - Formal and moderately attired
30. What **best** describes the **primary** significance of the communal deer hunt during the Aboakyire festival? It
- symbolizes the Efutu's cultural identity and community cohesion.
 - reinforces the Efutu's spiritual connection to the ancestors.
 - serves as a rite of passage for the young men.
 - demonstrates the Efutu hunting skills.
31. Which ritual **most** reflects the core value and cultural significance of Eid-ul-adha to Muslims?
- Sacrificing a livestock animal like cow, goat, ram etc
 - Gathering with family and community for a feast
 - Performing the animal based charity
 - Exchanging gifts and making charitable donations
32. Nancy was excited when her grandmother told her she would undergo a ceremony that will mark her transition to adulthood. Which of the following ceremonies is Nancy expected to undergo?
- Puberty
 - Confirmation
 - Marriage
 - Baptism

33. Two family members who recently lost their jobs are going through significant anxiety over their lack of employment. Concerned loved ones are consoling them to have hope and trust that things will work out well in time. What attribute are these persons expected to demonstrate in order to overcome their anxiety?
- Patience
 - Forgiveness
 - Mercy
 - Compassion
34. As the newly appointed director of a multicultural community which is a home to people from various religious backgrounds, there has been minor but increasing tensions among the groups due to religious differences. Which of these approaches would be the **most** effective in achieving your goal of fostering peaceful co-existence among community members?
- Implementing strict policies to penalize any behaviour of intolerance.
 - Establishing an interfaith council to facilitate dialogue and address common issues.
 - Organizing separate cultural events for each group to celebrate their traditions.
 - Building places of worship for each religious group.
35. Which of these is the **best** representation of a positive attitude towards work?
- Eagerness to learn
 - Desire for autonomy
 - Desire for recognition
 - Avoidance of responsibility
36. Which of the following moral teachings are common to the **three major** religions in Ghana?
- Compassion and charity towards the needy,
 - Honesty and truthfulness in all dealings,
 - Protection of the environment and natural resources,
 - Respect for human life and dignity.
- I, II, III and IV
 - I, II and IV
 - I, III and IV
 - I, II and III
37. Which of the following is one **key** benefit of entrepreneurship that distinguishes it from traditional employment?
- Risk of business failure
 - Increased stress
 - Opportunity for innovation
 - Higher income
38. A friend sought your advice on how to mend a broken relationship. What would you recommend as the **initial** step for reconciliation?
- Showing genuine remorse for the act
 - Realization and acceptance of fault
 - Resolving never to repeat the offence
 - Confession and asking for pardon
39. Which of the following statement is **true** regarding cultural belief systems and their role in protecting the environment?
- Cultural diversity has no impact on global environmental challenges.
 - Cultural practices have no influence on sustainable resource use.
 - Indigenous belief systems often emphasize respect for nature and sustainable living.
 - Most cultural belief systems prioritize economic growth over environmental protection.
40. In a religion class, the teacher emphasized one of the attributes of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) as *Al-Amin*. The class was tasked to identify the significance of this attribute and its relevance to the Prophet's character and leadership. Which of the following will be the **best** response from the students? His
- knowledge of Islamic scripture
 - exceptional wealth
 - honesty and trustworthiness
 - bravery in battle